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Beginning October 1, 2015, the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs began issuing a new version of the Mexican Passport. The new format contains the following changes:

- 1. The passport contains 32 pages printed with security ink. Each visa page has a different Coat of Arms, representing the Mexican States, but excluding the state of Aguascalientes in alphabetical order starting with Baja California. Passport pages include guilloche patterns in pink and green.
- 2. The inside of the front cover is produced using offset printing with latent images, micro-printed text and a barcode.
- 3. Visa pages are printed on a security paper incorporating a multitoned watermark of the Mexican Coat of Arms and the official name of the country "ESTADOS UNIDOS MEXICANOS", on the upper portion. Pages contain a security strip with a micro-printed text pattern which reads "MEXICO SRE", a green spiral surrounding each coat of arms, page numbers, and the word "VISAS" printed in grey.
- 4. The new passport may include the surname of the spouse, and for minors (persons under 18 years) the holder's signature is not required.
- 5. The laminate security features are:

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• Serial number (eight alphanumeric characters) on the upper left side, printed in black ink.

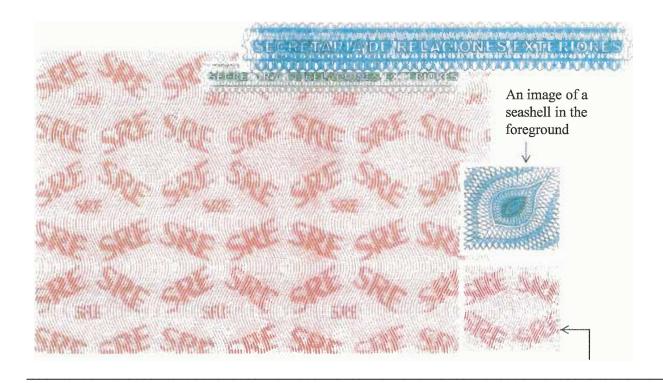
- De-metalized image of an Olmec colossal head.
- Diffractive Optical Variable Image Device (DOVID) holograms.
- 6. According to the angle of observation or illumination, the laminates include:
 - Visual switch between a snake and Olmec colossal head
 - Optical appearance of the phrase "Sella Pafs" that changes color at different angle
 - Optical appearance of the word "MEX"
 - · Optical appearance of a pyramid

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The following are pictures of the new version of the Mexican passport:







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